



What does it feel like to be a stranger?

DEFINITION: STRANGER...

- a person whom one does not know or with whom one is not familiar.
- a person who does not know, or is not known in, a particular place or community.
- a person entirely unaccustomed to (a feeling, experience, or situation).

1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

1. Strangers are called _____ of the world!

To fit in with the world, how do we create an identity with the world?

- John 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word."

- John 17: 14-15 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

What happens when we embrace we are strangers in this world?

2. Strangers are different _____ the world!

What happens when the Spirit does his sanctifying work in us?

- Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

3. Strangers make a difference _____ the world!

Why do WE need an abundance of grace and peace?

Why does the WORLD need an abundance of grace and peace?

